

HOUSE RESOLUTION 156  
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A RESOLUTION to continue the Special House Committee created by House Resolution No. 203 of the 98th General Assembly and continued by House Resolution No. 7 of the 99th General Assembly to examine the historical and present roles of African Americans in the development of public policy and planning relative to inner city economic development.

WHEREAS, inner city African Americans have experienced great difficulty in penetrating the economic mainstream of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, billions of dollars have been appropriated by Federal, State and Local Governmental agencies to fund the infrastructure needs of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the overall economic impact of these expenditures has been job creation in the public and private sectors and an increase in business opportunities; and

WHEREAS, despite these massive expenditures of money, many inner city African Americans still encounter great difficulty in obtaining gainful employment, and the small business community remains a closed market, in large part, for African Americans; and

WHEREAS, this inability of inner city African Americans to penetrate the economic mainstream is a source of grave concern to the members of this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in response to problems confronting African Americans in the development of public policy and planning relative to inner city economic development, House Resolution No. 203 of the 98th General Assembly created a special House committee to examine the historical

and present roles of African Americans in the development of public policy and planning relative to inner city economic development; and

WHEREAS, although the members of the Special House Committee, composed of legislators from each of the Grand Divisions of Tennessee, have worked diligently at their appointed duties, inner city economic development issues are extremely complex, and the committee, after receiving testimony from development districts, has still not been able to completely discharge the tasks at hand; and

WHEREAS, there has not been ample time to complete a comprehensive examination of African Americans' role in the development of public policy and planning, as well as the myriad variety of collateral issues involved; and

WHEREAS, the committee's mandate should be extended so that it has sufficient time to receive testimony from local planning commissions; and

WHEREAS, the issues being studied under the mandate of this special committee are vitally important to all Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the special House committee created by House Resolution No. 203 of the 98th General Assembly and continued by House Resolution No. 7 of the 99th General Assembly to examine the historical and present roles of African Americans in the development of public policy and planning relative to inner city economic development is hereby continued for a period of one (1) year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Special House Committee shall be composed as originally appointed in accordance with House Resolution No. 203 of the 98th General Assembly; provided, however, legislative members of the committee shall be duly elected members of the General Assembly in order to retain their membership on such committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That vacancies on the Special House Committee shall be filled by the original appointing authority as established by House Resolution No. 203 of the 98th General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all legislative members of the Special House Committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Special House Committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or reports, to the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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